

## MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, AUGUST 15, 2012

The Limestone County Commission reconvened the meeting from August 6, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. today at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.

Present: Gary Daly, Gerald Barksdale, James W. "Bill" Latimer, and Bill Daws. Absent: None. Stanley Menefee, Chairman presided.

Sarah Chadwell, Director of Athens-Limestone County Family Resource Center, asked the County to agree to pay the rent and utilities for the FRC at least another year so it can continue to help people find housing, transportation, health care, food and jobs. She stated, "We really need your support". Chadwell asked that the commission, at the very least, tell her one way or the other if any amount of rent and utilities would be forthcoming so she could inform employees and take action on various grants if the answer is no. She asked the Commission to make a decision at its regular meeting scheduled for Friday, August 17, 2012, so they can go forward.

Jan Holt, Counselor at Owens Elementary, Caroline Page, Director, Limestone County Department of Human Resources, and David Palmer, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, spoke requesting the Commission to support funding the Family Resource Center.

Chairman Menefee stated that the Family Resource Center is a good program, but the County gives a sizeable contribution to the Family Resource Center; to include \$20,000 towards the director's salary, \$12,000 in rent; an undetermined amount for the utilities and \$25,000 from the TVA in-lieu of tax funds. He stated he does not approve of giving rent and utilities money to one nonprofit agency and not to others.

Commissioner Barksdale said it would be difficult to vote now on Chadwell's request because other agencies would then want the commission to vote on their budget requests. He further stated that the Family Resource Center is a good program but noted that the programs were established under Governor Riley then dumped on the counties to fund them.

Commissioner Bill Daws pressed the commission to vote on the Family Resource Center's request at the coming commission meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday. The commission agreed to do so.

**MOTION** was made by Gerald Barksdale and seconded by James W. "Bill" Latimer to suspend the Rules of Order.

The Chairman called the roll. Gary Daly, aye; Gerald Barksdale, aye; James W. "Bill" Latimer, aye; and Bill Daws, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

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**MOTION** was made by Gary Daly and seconded by Gerald Barksdale to approve a grant application with the Alabama Historical Commission to help fund the installation of a fire sprinkler system at the Limestone County Archives, in the amount of \$65,000.00 and for the County to pay match if grant is awarded.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Chairman called the roll. Gary Daly, aye; Gerald Barksdale, aye; James W. "Bill" Latimer, aye; and Bill Daws, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Bill Daws and seconded by James W. "Bill" Latimer to suspend the Rules of Order.

The Chairman called the roll. Gary Daly, aye; Gerald Barksdale, aye; James W. "Bill" Latimer, aye; and Bill Daws, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Bill Daws and seconded by Gerald Barksdale to correct the following bid mistakenly awarded at August 6th meeting and award to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as follows:

Proposal No.	Item	Awarded To	Amount
2399	Printing - Privilege License Forms 2012 - 2013 (License Comm.)	Currie Systems	\$294.25

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Chairman called the roll. Gary Daly, aye; Gerald Barksdale, aye; James W. "Bill" Latimer, aye; and Bill Daws, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

Chairman Menefee announced that Bill Holtzclaw, Micky Hammon and Dan Williams will be at Athens Senior Center at noon to speak today.

Items were discussed for the August 17, 2012 Agenda.

Commissioner Daws requested to add Sarah Chadwell's request to the agenda to pay rent and utilities for one year at the Family Resource Center.

Adjourned at 11:05 a.m.